

REMARKS

Claims 61-70 stand rejected. Applicant has amended pages 8 and 45 of the specification to replace references to panels A, B, and C of Figure 15 with references to the top, middle, and bottom panels of Figure 15. Applicant also has amended a typographical error at page 5 of the specification. In addition, Applicant has added new claims 71 and 72. Claim 71 recites that the modified GLA domain comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 with two amino acid substitutions at residues 32 and 33. Claim 72 recites that residue 32 of SEQ ID NO:1 is glutamic acid and residue 33 of SEQ ID NO:1 is aspartic acid. Support for claims 71 and 72 can be found in Applicant's specification at, for example, page 42, lines 11-18. Thus, no new matter has been added.

In light of these amendments and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 61-72.

Restriction Requirement

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification because it refers to panels A, B, and C in Figure 15, while Figure 15 does not denote panels A, B, and C. Applicants have amended the description of Figure 15 at page 8 of the specification, as well as the discussion of Figure 15 at page 45 of the specification, to refer to the top, middle, and bottom panels. In light of these amendments, Applicant requests withdrawal of the objection to the specification.

Double Patenting

The Examiner rejected claims 61-70 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,747,003 (the '003 patent), for the reasons of record.

To further prosecution, Assignee's agent submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.73(b) and 1.321(b). In view of the Terminal Disclaimer, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection of claims 61-70.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that claims 61-72 are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned agent if such would further prosecution.

Please apply \$130 for the Terminal Disclaimer fee and \$120 for the Petition for Extension of Time fee, as well as any other charges or credits, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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